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Rosalynn Carter's Life Story Coming to Carter Presidential Library *Remarkable Political Partnership Described in this Limited-time Exhibit*

Atlanta, GA. – Rosalynn Carter is the other half of one of the most extraordinary political partnerships in American history. Beginning July 23rd, visitors to the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum will have the opportunity to experience Eleanor Rosalynn Smith's journey from her family's farm in Plains, Georgia to the capitols of the world.

This limited-time exhibition describes Mrs. Carter's birth and childhood in Plains. The oldest of four children, her life focused on family, church and school. Her father died when she was young, so Rosalynn assumed many of the household chores and supervision of the younger children while her mother was at work. She helped with sewing and shampooed hair in a local beauty parlor for spending money.

While she was in college, Rosalynn began dating Jimmy Carter, the brother of her best friend Ruth. They were married in 1946, after his graduation from the Naval Academy.

Exhibit visitors will learn of Mrs. Carter's disappointment at returning to the small town of Plains after seven years traveling as a Navy wife. The Carters moved back to Georgia to run the family business after Jimmy Carter's father died. Now, there is no place Mrs. Carter would rather live than Plains.

Photographs and documents describe Mrs. Carter's involvement in her husband's campaigns for Governor and for President. Her tireless work to improve the lives of the mentally and emotionally handicapped, for human rights and childhood immunization is displayed throughout the exhibit.

Throughout her life, Rosalynn Carter has been a full partner with President Carter in all of his activities. Together, they created the Carter Center to carry on their humanitarian work.

A mother of four, Mrs. Carter has maintained a lifelong dedication to issues facing women and children. She is an author, lecturer and serves on numerous boards and committees to improve the lives of people around the world.

The Story of the Life of Eleanor Rosalynn Smith Carter will be on display at the Carter Presidential Library & Museum from July 23rd through September 18th.

The Carter Presidential Library & Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am until 4:45 pm and on Sunday from noon until 4:45 pm.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, military & students with ID's. Those 16 years old and younger are always free. For more information, call 404-865-7101 or visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.org.

Editor's note: Images of Mrs. Carter are available through the public affairs office.